

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 662

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Stephen L. Kelley of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Stephen L. Kelley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Harriman on November 25, 1954, Stephen L. Kelley was the son of Ruth Allion Kelley and the late George Kelley; he attended Roane County High School and served in the United States Navy for three years; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Kelley married the love of his life, Renee Rickard, and the couple had three sons; and

WHEREAS, a self-taught computer programmer, Steve Kelley joined his father at Scientific Endeavors, a software development company; he went on to obtain his degree in business administration from Tusculum College and worked on cutting-edge software for several companies, most recently Third Dimension Technologies; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who believed in putting his values into action, Mr. Kelley was a past president of the Humane Society of East Tennessee, past president of the Oak Ridge Sister City Support Organization, member of the Executive Committee of the Roane County Democratic Party, and member of the Roane County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Renee Rickard Kelley; his three sons, Will Kelley, Sam Kelley, and Ben Kelley; his mother, Ruth Kelley; his brother, David Kelley; his sisters,

Becky Brown, Janet Kelley, Jean West, and Laura Ousley; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Stephen L. Kelley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Kelley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.